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SUBJECT: TFRW01: APPROACH TO UN SECRETARIAT ON UNAMIR

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: ARCHIE M BOLSTER
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2. THIS IS AN ACTION CABLE - SEE BELOW.

3. DEPARTMENT SHARES GOVERNMENT OF BELGIUM CONCERNS THAT THE GREATLY CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES IN RWANDA HAVE RENDERED UNTENABLE THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF UNAMIR FORCES IN THE COUNTRY. WE SUPPORT A RAPID BUT ORDERLY WITHDRAWAL OF UNAMIR FORCES AND OTHER UN PERSONNEL AS REQUIRED, AND URGE THE UN TO RESOLVE SUCCESSFULLY . THE SECURITY OF RWANDAN NATIONALS CURRENTLY UNDER UNAMIR PROTECTION.

4. WE BELIEVE IT IS THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL'S (SYG) PREROGATIVE TO RECOMMEND WITHDRAWAL

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IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT THE SYG SHOULD TAKE THE LEAD IN RECOMMENDING UNAMIR'S WITHDRAWAL. AT THE SAME TIME, WE
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BELIEVE THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT OTHER UN ELEMENTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT NECESSARILY LIMITED TO UNHCR AND THE SYG'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, STAND READY TO PROVIDE THEIR GOOD OFFICES AND PERFORM THEIR NEGOTIATING ROLE, PROVIDED THAT SECURITY CONDITIONS PERMIT THEM TO DO SO. IN THE EVENT THAT THESE UN REPRESENTATIVES ARE COMPELLED BY SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS TO TEMPORARILY WITHDRAW FROM RWANDA, WE WOULD HOPE THAT IMPROVED CONDITIONS WOULD PERMIT THEIR EARLY RETURN.

ACTION REQUESTED

5. FOR USUN: MISSION SHOULD APPROACH SENIOR SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS URGENTLY, DRAWING ON THE FOLLOWING:

-- THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO SUPPORT A RECOMMENDATION BY THE SYG FOR THE RAPID AND ORDERLY WITHDRAWAL OF UNAMIR FORCES FROM RWANDA. WE BELIEVE THAT SUCH A RECOMMENDATION IS THE MOST APPROPRIATE MEANS OF MEETING THE URGENT HUMANITARIAN NEED TO PRESERVE THE SAFETY OF UNAMIR PERSONNEL WHILE NOT EXACERBATING TENSIONS IN RWANDA.

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-- WE SUPPORT SUCH A WITHDRAWAL, AND URGE THE UN TO
SUCCESSFULLY RESOLVE THE SECURITY OF RWANDAN NATIONALS
CURRENTLY UNDER UNAMIR PROTECTION.

-- WE ARE PREPARED TO SUPPORT POLITICAL OFFERS BY OTHER
GOVERNMENTS THAT MAY WISH TO USE THEIR OWN NATIONAL FORCES
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TO FACILITATE THE WITHDRAWAL OF UNAMIR.

-- WE HOPE THAT OTHER UN ELEMENTS, INCLUDING THE SYG'S
SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE BOOH-BOOH, MAY BE ABLE TO CONTINUE
THEIR ACTIVITIES IN RWANDA. HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND THAT
THE SECURITY SITUATION MAY COMPEL THEM TO TEMPORARILY
WITHDRAW. WE BELIEVE THAT THESE AGENCIES AND THE SYG'S
REPRESENTATIVE MAY BE ABLE TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT
STABILIZING AND HUMANITARIAN ROLE AND HOPE THAT, IF THEY
MUST BE EVACUATED NOW, THEY WILL BE PREPARED TO RESUME
THEIR MISSIONS AS SOON AS SECURITY CONDITIONS PERMIT.

-- THE WITHDRAWAL OF UNAMIR FORCES IS NECESSITATED BY
CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES. THE USG FEELS THAT THE UN SHOULD
REMAIN POLITICALLY ENGAGED IN RWANDA IF SECURITY PERMITS,
IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE PEACE PROCESS.

6. FOR BRUSSELS: EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO INFORM THE

GOVERNMENT OF BELGIUM OF INSTRUCTIONS THAT ARE BEING
CARRIED OUT BY USUN IN NEW YORK. YOU SHOULD URGE THE GOB
TO MAKE A SIMILAR APPROACH TO THE SYG OR HIS SENIOR
REPRESENTATIVES.

7. FOR PARIS: EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM THE FRENCH
GOVERNMENT OF OUR POSITION AND SEEK SUPPORT. CHRISTOPHER

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